



Climate Initiatives Task Force

JANUARY MEETING 1

Tuesday January 11, 2021

9:00 AM (Central)

Online Meeting Registration via Zoom Webinar at

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Meeting Minutes

The following constitute minutes of the Climate Initiatives Task Force Meeting and are not a verbatim transcript of the proceedings. Audio and video recordings of the meetings are available for viewing and kept at the Office of the Governor-Coastal Activities Office in Baton Rouge, LA.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Chairman Harry Vorhoff, Deputy Director, Coastal Activities (Present)

Sec. Brown/Bliss Higgins DEQ Present

Mark Moses, DOA Present

Greg Grandy, CPRA Present

Jason Lanclos, DNR Present

Brad Lambert, LED Present

Joey Breaux, LDAF Present

Eric Kalivoda, DOTD Present

Timothy Hardy, Designee of the President of the Senate Present

Selby Bush, Designee of the Speaker of the House Present

Bill Robertson, Designee of Public Service Commissioner Present

Tyler Gray, LA Mid-Cont Oil & Gas Association Present

Greg Bowser, LA Chemical Association Present

Jonathan Bourg, Entergy Present

Virginia Burkett, USGS Present

Karen Gautreaux, LA Nature Conservancy Present

Flozell Daniels, Foundation for Louisiana Present

Terrance Chambers, University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Present
Colette Pichon Battle, Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy	Present
Chief Shirell Parfait-DarDar, Tribal Chief of the Grand Caillou/Dulac Band of the Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw	Present
Robert Verchick, Loyola University New Orleans	Present
Camille Manning-Broome, Center for Planning Excellence	Present
Jeff Schwartz, Dir. of Econ Dev for the City of NOLA	Present

III. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Harry Vorhoff, Office of the Governor (video:00:4:27)

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion by: Mr. Daniels
 Second by: Ms. Manning-Broome
 Unanimously Approved

V. Comments Received and Proposed Revisions on the Portfolio of Strategies and Actions –

Lindsay Cooper, Office of the Governor and Allison Dejong, Water Institute

(Video 00:10:24) Ms. Cooper gave a quick flashback from where the last CTF meeting left off with the concerns from Task Force members in regards to attaining net zero by 2050, quantification of GHGs, the implementation path forward and next steps. She also informed members that the comment deadline is December 31st and so far 40 comments from the Task Force members, Advisory groups, Sector Committees and public stakeholders. Ms. Cooper also took the TF members through the areas of feedback as well as the key revisions. She expressed in regards to the final portfolio, many changes are syntax, framing, typos, or clarifications based comments received. Ms. Cooper provided the Task Force members information regarding each topic.

Portfolio Introduction: The introduction provides more context on the sections of the strategies/actions, a bit of background on process to get to this point, highlighting three policy pillars and the ability of this portfolio to meet net zero. Also, a last paragraph to address dissent that will be added next week. **Clean Energy:** Clean Energy is the backbone of this climate action plan. Not only does our existing electricity need to transition to renewables but also increased demand from transitioning other sections to electricity. **Industry:** Industry is a hefty section to address the largest emission section for Louisiana. There's recognition to permitted but not yet built facilities here and its potential to increase industrial emissions even more. Attention is also brought to why our emissions are so unique here and Louisiana's role of a producer for products used around the world in manufacturing. **Methane:** Methane is present across sectors but here we're emphasizing methane from oily and gas infrastructure. **Transportation:** This section encompasses a lot of different facets of decarbonization for transportation, development and built environment. **NWL:** This section addresses how to maximize our natural sinks, including wetlands and working lands. **Economy:** This section lays out the need for a more inclusive and resilient economy alongside expanded education, research, and job programs. **Collaboration:**

The main strategy to highlight here is the strategy on improving engagement with disadvantage communities and indigenous peoples. **Accountability:** This brings together the work of the rest of the plan to ensure accountability and adaptability. **Next Steps:** This section of the portfolio was written into the draft plan to verbalize comments of the Task Force in the December meeting – in summary, basically this is a comprehensive first step towards reduction in emissions and combatting climate change, but we have a long way to go in understanding, modeling and sequencing actions. To attain net zero, this plan will require rigorous implementation, adaptive management, and constant better understanding of solutions. **Implementation Table:** Mini tables under each action noting implementation partners, near-term action, and long-term goals. This is incorporated into the portfolio to show who is responsible for each action and the near-term steps that must begin in all actions now. Even for actions that have very long term goals, we have to start paving the way now. So all actions have near-term action and all have long-term goals.

Ms Dejong (video: 0:45:10): Allison provided the Task Force members with an update on GHG Modeling, Louisiana's unique emissions challenge and, The Big Three: Renewable Electricity, Industrial Electrification and Industrial Fuel Switching to Low & No-Carbon Hydrogen. She concluded her presentation with What's next for Modeling (slide 8).

Ms. Cooper closed out the presentation with Timeline to February 1 and beyond

(Task Force Members had an open discussion following agenda Item V)

- VI. Summary of Full Draft Climate Action Plan – Charles Sutcliffe, Office of the Governor** (video 2:03:35) Mr. Sutcliffe provided the Task Force members with a summary of the Full Draft Action Plan. He highlighted the following sections: Organizational Information, GHG Inventory and Business as Usual. Mr. Sutcliffe also discussed the Risk of Inaction and the Benefits of Actions.
- VII. Process for Dissent and Next Steps – Lindsay Cooper, Office of the Governor** (video 2:17:42) Ms. Cooper went over in more detail with Task Force members on the formal dissent. She presented that a dissent to action is defined as a Task Force member supporting the Plan overall while being opposed to a specific action, regardless of how it is eventually implemented. She also asked to members to please keep in mind: Dissent should only be used to indicate grave concern with an action or its implementation. Lack or formal dissent does not mean support for an action.
- VIII. Public Comment** –Public Comments may be made via Zoom or submitted online at climate@la.gov
- IX. Adjourn**
Motion by: Ms. Pichon-Battle
Second by: Dr. Virginia Burkett
Unanimously Approved